

The amendment, again, simply says if the Exec Board approves it, they'll use existing dollars that we already have appropriated in our budget. And if they need General Funds, they'll come back to the appropriation process next year and ask for them and we will compete with everyone else for those. I think that's the proper way to do it at this particular time and I'd urge the body's adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature and Senator 'Carnack', I usually don't do magic tricks on the floor of the Legislature, but I'm going to. I have a key and a quarter. Now, I put them in my hand. I changed the quarter into a key and I changed the key into a quarter. And Senator Lindsay is amazed. He wonders how, it's magic, it's magic. I don't think that what Senator Bernard-Stevens is offering us is a good amendment and I think we ought to vote it down. And if you vote it down, I won't do any more magic tricks this evening.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That may be undue bribery of the Legislature, Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just one question, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Is this money that you're now asking us to spend money that you found on a tree or is it something that came out of the taxpayers' pocket?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: If you're asking my on this amendment?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: This money is monies that we already have in our budget, Senator.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But where did it come from?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Monies that we appropriated through the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I realize that, but it's still tax dollars, right?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct.